

HP RETIREE CLUB OF HOUSTON

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WELCOME

The HP Retiree Club of Houston provides opportunities to gather with the friends and coworkers you knew during your working career. We rely on our membership to guide our selection of activities, so let the Planning Committee know what activities interest you.

COORDINATOR'S CORNER—Carlos Fernandez

Dear Members, I won't go into details on how events this year have impacted our lives ... I am sure you, as I am, are bombarded with plenty of communications and reflections on how unusual this year has been. From the Houston HP Retiree Club perspective, we have tried to do the best we could given the circumstances.

We started the year strong with four activities during the first two months. In mid-January we had a day trip to the Houston Printing Museum where we had a hands-on tour with one of the resident artists, followed by lunch to the iconic and now defunct downtown Luby's Cafeteria. Then, later that same month we held an in-person Tax Seminar at Spring Creek BBQ that was well received. Thanks for your positive feedback on that seminar. In mid-February we were invited by HP Inc. management to participate in a new Retiree Celebration where several of our planning committee team members manned a table to sign up newly minted HP retirees, and had a chance to be part of the program. We

signed up over 120 new members that day. The following week we held a social at Mia Bella where many of the new members had the opportunity to mingle with old-timers. Then COVID-19 happened. We, as did many other organizations, cancelled all our activities and went into a prolonged five-month hiatus while we were trying to figure out how to better re-engage our membership. Given the circumstances, in June we asked you, via a member survey, for your thoughts and ideas as well as your willingness to participate in club activities. Based on the feedback received, we decided to not hold in-person events for the rest of the year. Thus, we programed four Zoom webinars covering a varied range of topics: an HP Envy Product review, a presentation on Plant Based Diet for Seniors, a discussion relating to the Stock Market and the Election, and finally a seminar on how travel may look in 2021. Your participation has increased each month in those Zoom seminars from August to November.

Speaking of surveys; thanks to all of

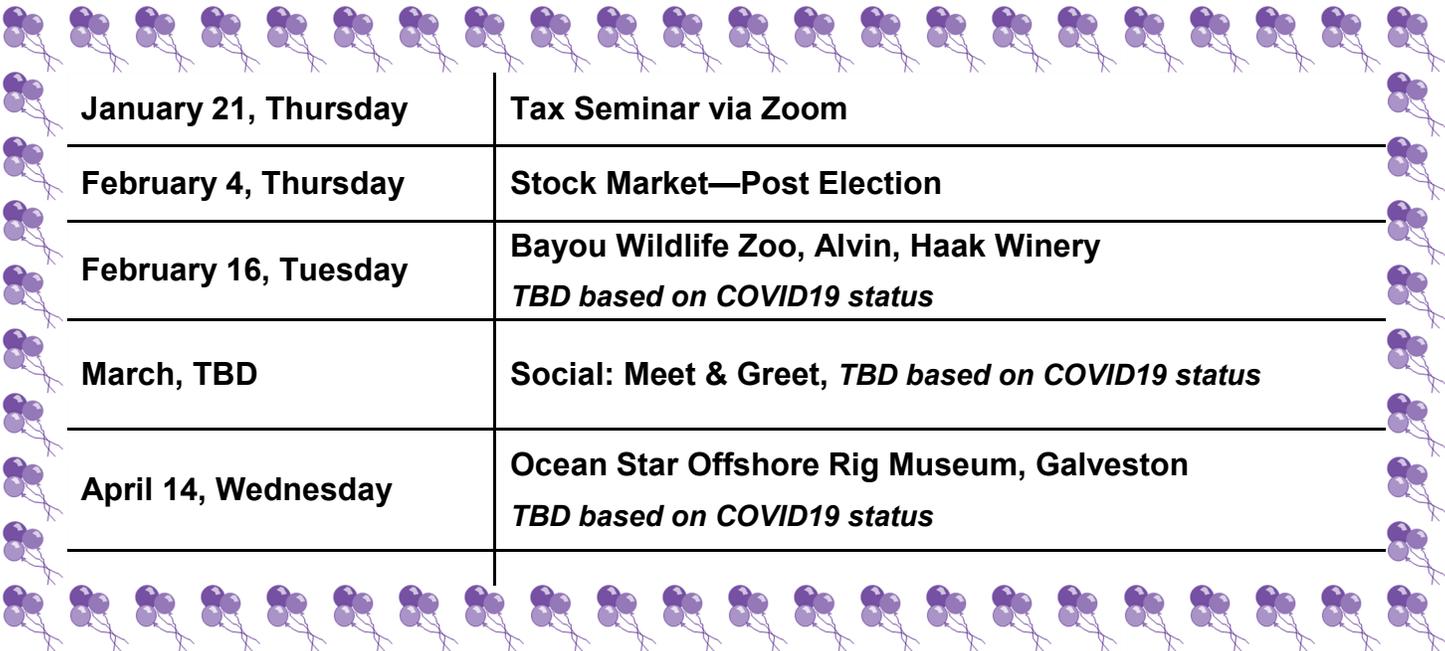
you that participated in the June survey. The feedback from that survey was used to guide us through the end of the year for our programming. Now as we plan 2021, we again solicit your opinion as hopefully, some sort of normalcy returns to our daily lives. We will continue to adapt accordingly. To that end, please complete this less-than-5-minute [survey](#) and tell us your thoughts relative to returning to in-person events, Zoom seminars, and other ideas you want us to consider. In the meantime, we have developed a tentative 2021 calendar that looks like what we had originally planned for 2020 before lockdowns started back in March. You will find that calendar in this newsletter and on our [webpage](#).

On behalf of the planning committee, I want to thank you for reading and sharing this newsletter. Also, I want to extend my appreciation to the committee for their extraordinary contributions to the club; their talent, their time, and their passion to serve. To you and your families we wish you the best during this holiday season.

MEET YOUR STEERING COMMITTEE

Committee Responsibility	Committee Member
Coordinator	Carlos Fernandez
Treasurer/Meeting location reservations	Jan Frazier
Meeting Notes/Action Tracker	Vicki Gore
Precinct 4 Bus Coordinator	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs, Herman de Hoop
Trip planning & research	Peter Martin, FG Seeberger, Planning Committee
Seminar Coordinator/Socials	Jan Frazier
Club website	Ellen Chadick, Carlos Fernandez, Michael Duhs
Newsletter / Editor	Karen Brown, Michael Duhs, Herman de Hoop
Communications	Herman de Hoop, Carlos Fernandez

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



January 21, Thursday	Tax Seminar via Zoom
February 4, Thursday	Stock Market—Post Election
February 16, Tuesday	Bayou Wildlife Zoo, Alvin, Haak Winery <i>TBD based on COVID19 status</i>
March, TBD	Social: Meet & Greet, <i>TBD based on COVID19 status</i>
April 14, Wednesday	Ocean Star Offshore Rig Museum, Galveston <i>TBD based on COVID19 status</i>

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES—JANUARY 21



Join us to hear how new tax laws will affect your 2020 income tax filing

Last year, Lori Klein provided many valuable insights not only for tax filings, but also for:

[Estate Planning](#)
[Investment Planning](#)
[Protection Planning](#)
[Retirement Planning](#)
[Small Business Consulting](#)
[Tax Prep & Planning](#)



Lori graduated cum laude from the University of Houston receiving her B.S. in Accounting. She has over 37 years' experience in public accounting and is currently practicing as a Certified Public Accountant with L. Klein and Company, P.C. and Certified Financial Planner with the financial planning firm of Klein Wealth Management.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES—FEBRUARY 4



What to expect in the stock market post-election

Join Jean M. Casagrande (CLU®, ChFC®, RICP®) and Bryan Powell of Stability Partners Financial to learn what they are telling their clients about investing in 2021.

Social Security



We help our clients develop a clear understanding of their Social Security benefit. There is a lot to learn about Social Security, and it is important for you to be educated so that you head into retirement with a plan on exactly how you will rely on your benefits.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Income Planning



Income planning for retirement can be a daunting task for many retirees because there is a lot to learn. At Stability Partners Advisory Group, LLC, we are here to help you navigate throughout each of the three income planning phases – accumulation, distribution, and...

[LEARN MORE](#)

Empowering Women



Women face different challenges when it comes to planning for their retirement and the later years of life. Empowering women for financial success helps address those unique challenges.

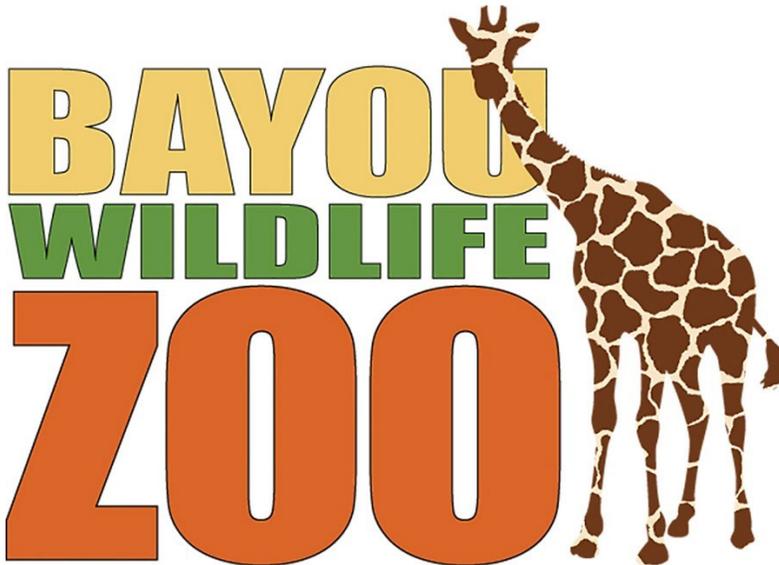
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Stability Partners is committed to helping clients achieve financial stability. Their focus is on providing investments and safe money alternatives for clients' retirement needs. They realize that everyone's situation is different, and one approach does not fit every client's needs. They are completely independent and their goal is to provide you with a comprehensive approach to protecting your assets.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES—FEBRUARY TBD

Bayou Wildlife Zoo, Haak Winery

Please bring \$22.00 cash to cover Zoo group admission, wine testing, including taxes, plus \$2.00 to cover the bus driver lunch and committee fee. We will collect this on the bus; exact cash amount is appreciated (no checks or credit cards can be taken).



To start the day we will explore the wild-life zoo with an experienced guide from the comfort of a tram. It will take us through 80 acres with more than 400 animals, reptiles, and birds. We will listen to the experienced tour guides deliver an exciting and interesting talk about all the unique animals.

*The guided tour on a tram will allow us to see everything the zoo has to offer without trekking through the vast premises on foot. Each ride lasts approximately 30-40 minutes. We will see all types of deer, antelopes, buffaloes, camels, zebras, and more exotic animals that you can feed from the tram in an up-close encounter. Food for the animals costs \$2.50 + tax. **Peter, the web-site says \$4***



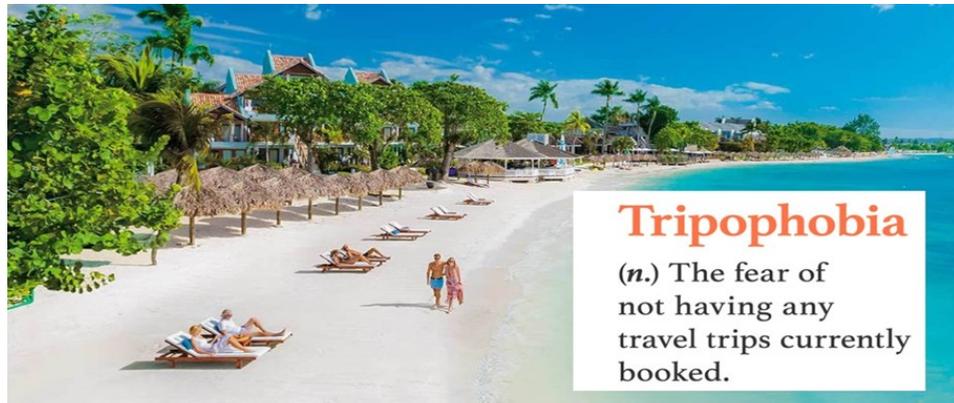
Gordon Street Tavern in Alvin

We will enjoy lunch at one of Alvin's eldest relics, over 100 years of history lie within the walls of the tavern. Built circa 1881. Brazoria County's first Brewpub Serving House-brewed Craft Beer and fine food.

Haak Winery in Santa Fe

We will wrap up the day with a wine tasting at Haak which is one of the first wineries in the country to cultivate the Blanc du Bois varietal. At the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo International Wine Competition, Haak Vineyards & Winery has won many medals. You can peruse through their current releases [here](#).

PAST ACTIVITIES



I'm going stir Crazy

-Where can I travel in 2021-

In this fun and entertaining webinar, Mike covered these travel points:

- ◆ Where can I go and how can I find out what the current situation is?
- ◆ What are the restrictions and types of safety steps have been put in place?
- ◆ What type of travel is opening first?
- ◆ What might open later?
- ◆ When will cruises resume?

Call Mike for answers to any of your questions on travel destinations for 2021

[Cruise Planners](#)

Mike the Travel Guy 713.927.4285

Link to [Mike's presentation](#)

(May have to download to PC to open)

RESOURCES

For more retiree information from HPE/HPI, please access these websites via user names and passwords in the table below:

www.hp.com/retiree - (Maintained by HP Inc (HPI) for retirees)

This website retains some information that is available to any of the legacy companies' retirees and does not require a password. The other information (Benefits, Discounts, Open Enrollment - *specific to HP Inc*) has been moved to HP Continuum and DOES require you to create your own user name and password.

Are you an HP retiree with a Payroll issue? HP has cancelled its 1-800 number for employees and retirees to reach Payroll. The only way to contact HP Payroll is through this email address: payroll.us.i@hpe.com. (Note: type carefully ... the letter "i" in the email address identifies you as an HP Inc. designated retiree.) Include your full name and employee number in the message.

www.hpcontinuum.com - HP news, retiree stories, videos, and member spotlights for HPI employees that meet the following criteria:

- Age 55 and 10 years of service under the HP Retiree Medical Program
- Age 55 and 15 years of service under the Pre-2003 Retiree Medical Program
- Age 50 with at least five years of vesting service under the Compaq Computer Corporation Cash Account Pension Plan (CAPP) under the Former Digital Retiree Health Program.

www.hpalumni.org - **HP Alumni Association** (Maintained by volunteer HP retirees/former employees)

Join HPAA at no charge; use the online Benefits forum to compare notes on US retiree health plans – year-round and during Annual Enrollment. Check out their website for a wealth of information and selected forums to join.

1. Know someone leaving HP? Send them this link to our "ASAP Checklist" -- advice from members of the independent HP Alumni Association on [urgent things to do before losing HP access](#) and in the following weeks. (Membership not required.)

2. Social Security. [Video with an expert from the Social Security Administration](#). When to start. How working affects your benefits. Spouse, children, divorce, survivor, disability, taxes. Much more.

Program	URL
HP Retiree Club of Houston	www.hprchou.com
HPI (Discounts area, choose Retiree Discounts link) *	www.beneplace.com/hp_employee/
HP Continuum (News, Benefits, Contacts)	www.hpcontinuum.com
Employee Programs (Discounts) *	www.houston.hpway.org
HP Branded Merchandise *	www.hpstore.com <i>click on Partners</i>

* Note: Usernames and Passwords are available when you sign up to HP Continuum

“For the unlearned, old age is winter
For the learned, it is the season of the harvest.” *Hasidic saying*